

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 5, 2009, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over *JP 2002-182784*; and claims 2-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *JP 2002-182784* in view of *JP 2002-124226*.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 5, and 8. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8 are pending. Of these, claim 1 is the sole independent claim. The originally-filed specification and drawings fully support the amendment to claims 1, 2, 5, and 8. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by this Reply.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over *JP 2002-182784*. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least the reasons described below.

Anticipation under § 102 requires that all of the limitations of a claim be disclosed, expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. M.P.E.P. § 2131. “The key to supporting any rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is the clear articulation of the reason(s) why the claimed invention would have been obvious.” M.P.E.P. § 2141(III). A proper *prima facie* case of obviousness requires, *inter alia*, that all claim limitations must be considered when judging the patentability of a claim against the prior art. M.P.E.P. § 2143.03.

Currently amended claim 1 recites, among other things, an information processing apparatus comprising “a battery pack having a battery case and a battery cell housed in a battery housing case of the battery case; and a board placement

section slightly projecting from a battery housing section of the battery pack and forming a recess section, wherein the operation section is arranged to fit the recess section.”

JP 2002-182784 discloses an electronic device having a pair of loudspeakers 70 and 71, and a group of switches 34a-d for operating a DVD-ROM device, where the loudspeakers 70 and 71 and the switches 34a-d can be exchanged. However, *JP 2002-182784* does not disclose or suggest “a battery pack having a battery case and a battery cell housed in a battery housing case of the battery case; and a board placement section slightly projecting from a battery housing section of the battery pack and forming a recess section, wherein the operation section is arranged to fit the recess section,” as recited in claim 1. *JP 2002-182784* does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 1, and therefore does not anticipate claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 2-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *JP 2002-182784* in view of *JP 2002-124226*. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-8 are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least the reasons described below.

JP 2002-124226 discloses an electronic device having a lithium ion secondary battery pack 8 that is replaceable with a dry battery pack, so that the electronic device may operate for an extended amount of time without obstructing miniaturization of the electronic device. However, *JP 2002-124226* does not disclose or suggest “a battery pack having a battery case and a battery cell housed in a battery housing case of the battery case; and a board placement section slightly projecting from a battery housing section of the battery pack and forming a recess section, wherein the operation section

is arranged to fit the recess section," as recited in claim 1, and therefore does not cure the deficiencies of *JP 2002-182784*.

JP 2002-182784 and *JP 2002-124226*, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest each and every element of independent claim 1, and therefore do not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of claim 1. Claims 2-8 depend from independent claim 1, and are therefore patentable for at least all of the same reasons that independent claim 1 is patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 2-8 be withdrawn.

The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

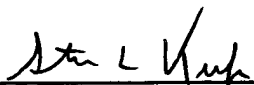
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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